



## 2018 Candidate Survey on the Environment

### Scott A. Storms (Republican)

House District 60

**1) 100% Clean Energy by 2050:**

**Do you support transitioning to 100% clean energy by 2050 or sooner?**

Uncertain

We should encourage transitioning to clean energy through tax credits, clean energy investments, and other incentives, however without seeing the actual legislation and evaluating the impact upon existing businesses, municipalities, and consumers, it is difficult to commit fully to the above goal. Given the economic constraints on state and municipal budgets, more information and a strategic plan to accomplish the task will be required in order to adopt such a lofty goal.

**2) State Water Plan:**

**Will you support the plan as submitted to the legislature and affirm that water is a public trust?**

Yes

The plan should have been placed before the legislature during the last session for discussion and vote.

**3) Municipal Funding Pilot for Open Space:**

**Would you support legislation that would allow, but not require, certain municipalities to establish a dedicated fund to protect local open space, farmland and water resources through a limited conveyance fee on buyers of real estate?**

Yes

I am a strong proponent of open space and land conservation. During my first legislative term, I facilitated a \$10,000 donation to the Windsor Land Trust and assisted in obtaining state grant funding for public acquisition of a significant parcel of land within the Town of Windsor (Pigeon Hill Road Project). Given the

overdevelopment of our communities, encouraging public/private land conservation and acquisition to conserve open space for future generations is extremely important.

**4) Plastic Bag Pollution:**

**Would you support a statewide ban on single-use plastic bags (or a ban/fee hybrid) to significantly reduce plastic bag pollution in our state?**

Yes

I would be supportive of a single-use plastic ban, but would not support imposition of state mandated fees (i.e. taxes) levied upon consumers.

**5) Gas Pipeline:**

**Will you support the repeal of the pipeline tax established in 2015?**

Yes

Current plans for pipeline expansion are unnecessary, unwarranted, and would have a detrimental impact on communities affected by the construction of such pipelines. I have been involved in several discussions (both as a legislator and a private attorney) with regard to the impact on lands within the Town of Windsor under consideration for pipeline expansion and believe the project has little positive value.

**6) Carbon Pricing:**

**Would you support carbon pricing for Connecticut?**

Yes

**7) Additional Comments:**

Thank you for advocating for conservation and environmental issues. I believe your efforts serve to educate legislators and keep them focused on the impact of our decisions.